REMARKS

Examination is respectfully requested.

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MARKED UP VERSION OF REWRITTEN CLAIMS

- 6. (Amended) A power generation plant remote control and operation system of claim 1 [or 2], wherein the thermal power generation plant pays a consideration to the remote control center based on its own operating state controlled by the remote control center.
- 8. (Amended) A power generation plant remote control and operation system of claim 1 [or 2], wherein the thermal power generation plant pays a consideration to the remote control center based on the amount of cost saving by an improvement proposal presented by the remote control center.